

### Amendments To The Claims.

1. (Cancelled) A method for disconnecting a pipe length (22) from a pipe string (20) by means of a power tong (2), the power tong (2) being part of an assembly (1) which includes a back-up tong (4) and at least one guide column (10), the power tong (2) and back-up tong (4) being movable relative to each other along the guide column (10), and the connecting point (58) of the pipe string (20) being at a level in height outside the normal work area of the power tong (2), characterized in that the guide column (10) is disconnected from its chassis (12), after which the assembly (1) is moved to the connecting point (58).
2. (Cancelled) A method in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the assembly (1) is moved away from the pipe string (20) after the pipe length (22) has been disconnected.
3. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting and disconnecting a pipe length from a pipe string, the method comprising:
  - providing a chassis;
  - providing an assembly comprising a power tong, a back-up tong, one or more guide columns with a pitch rack, one or more cogs, one or more hydraulic cylinders and a work area, wherein the power tong and back-up tong are movable relative to each other through operation of the hydraulic cylinder, the power tong and back-up tong are movable along the one or more guide columns through operation of the one or more cogs along the pitch rack and the chassis is removably connected to the one or more guide columns;
  - providing a pipe length;

encircling the pipe length with a non-segmented drive ring of the power tongs  
carrying one or more crescent-shaped jaws;

encircling the pipe string with a non-segmented housing of the backup tongs;

securing the pipe length to the pipe string having a connecting point defined at the  
point where the pipe length is secured to the pipe string;

disconnecting the one or more guide columns from the chassis; and

adjusting the height of the assembly to place the connecting point in the work area of  
the assembly.

4. (Original) The process of claim 3 further comprising:

securing the power tong to the pipe length above the connecting point;

securing the back-up tong to the pipe string below the connecting point; and

rotating the pipe length.

5. (Original) The process of claim 4 further comprising moving the power tong and the back-up tong relative to one another.

6. (Original) The process of claim 5 further comprising:

removing the pipe length from the pipe string;

removing the power tong from the pipe length;

removing the back-up tong from the pipe string; and

moving the assembly relative to the pipe string.

7. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 3 further comprising:  
locking the back-up tong to the one or more guide column.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting and disconnecting a pipe length from a pipe string, the method comprising:  
providing a chassis;  
providing an assembly comprising a power tong, a back-up tong, one or more guide columns with a pitch rack, one or more cogs, one or more hydraulic cylinders and a work area, wherein the power tong and back-up tong are movable relative to each other through operation of the hydraulic cylinder, the power tong and back-up tong are movable along the one or more guide columns through operation of the one or more cogs along the pitch rack and the chassis is removably connected to the one or more guide columns;  
locking the back-up tong to the one or more guide columns;  
providing a pipe length;  
securing the pipe length to a pipe string having a connecting point defined at the point where the pipe length is secured to the pipe string;  
disconnecting the one or more guide columns from the chassis; and  
adjusting the height of the assembly to place the connecting point in the work area of the assembly.

9. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8 further comprising:
- securing the power tong to the pipe length above the connecting point;
  - securing the back-up tong to the pipe string below the connecting point; and
  - rotating the pipe length.
10. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 9 further comprising moving the power tong and the back-up tong relative to one another.
11. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10 further comprising:
- removing the pipe length from the pipe string;
  - removing the power tong from the pipe length;
  - removing the back-up tong from the pipe string; and
  - moving the assembly relative to the pipe string.
12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11 further comprising: encircling the pipe length with a non-segmented drive ring of the power tongs;
13. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11 further comprising: encircling the pipe string with a non-segmented housing of the backup tongs.